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AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1991 REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE; DEFENSE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE INTERIOR, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, September 10, 1990.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I ask Congress to consider amendments to the fiscal year 1991 request for appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, the Interior, and Veterans Affairs. These proposals would help implement reform of the Federal financial accounting system. This reform is a key component of our commitment to improve the management of the Federal Government.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE BUSH.

Estimate No. 9
101st Congress, 2nd Session

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

September 10, 1990

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests for fiscal year 1991 budget amendments to make funding available to help reform the Federal financial accounting system. These proposed amendments are for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, the Interior, and Veterans Affairs. This reform is part of an effort to improve financial control and encourage greater attention to the future financial needs of the Federal government.

A strong effort to improve financial management systems and operations is a key component of your commitment to enhance management in the Federal government. The Office of Management and Budget has initiated a major effort to make improvements in five key areas of financial management that have been identified as Administration priorities. One of the major areas is the annual development and audit of agency financial statements.

OMB believes that audits of agency financial statements are especially important because they would help to ensure the accuracy of agency financial reports. At present, the Federal government and most of its component agencies are not capable of producing annual general-purpose financial statements that can be audited. This initiative calls for the fourteen Cabinet departments, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to have agency financial statements developed and audits conducted by fiscal year 1994.

Preparation and audit of financial statements for all or part of ten of the sixteen targeted agencies would be conducted in fiscal year 1991. Five of the agencies will proceed without further congressional action. These amendments would permit five of the ten agencies to reallocate funds to provide for audits.

We have carefully reviewed these proposals and are satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, we recommend that they be transmitted to Congress.

Respectfully yours,

Richard G. Darman
Director

Enclosures

FISCAL YEAR 1991 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR AUDITS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED OFFSETS

1991 Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1991 Budget Request Pending	1991 Proposed Amendment	1991 Revised Request
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL			
A-441	Office of the Inspector General	$57,630,000	$2,822,000	$60,452,000
	FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE			
A-451	Foreign Agricultural Service	103,548,000	-807,000	102,741,000
	RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION			
A-475	Rural telephone bank	---	language	---
	(In the appropriations language under the above heading delete "$125,000,000" and substitute $103,560,000.)			
	SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE			
A-494	Resource conservation and development	24,346,000	-888,000	23,458,000
	ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE			
A-497	Buildings and facilities	24,726,000	-714,000	24,012,000

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	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
A-568	Operation and maintenance, Defense agencies	$8,660,964,000	language	$8,660,964,000
	(In the appropriations language under the above heading, insert the following immediately after "$8,660,964,000," <u>of which not to exceed $700,000 shall be for the preparation of an audited financial statement for the Military Retirement Trust Fund and</u>.)			

1991 Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1991 Budget Request Pending	1991 Proposed Amendment	1991 Revised Request
	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION			
A-729	Interim assistance to States for legalization	---	language	---
	(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "$301,097,000" and substitute $277,430,000.)			
	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY			
A-731	Office of the Inspector General	$51,500,000	$7,100,000	$58,600,000

1991 Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1991 Budget Request Pending	1991 Proposed Amendment	1991 Revised Request
	DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES			
A-833	Office of the Secretary, Salaries and expenses	$62,076,000	-$450,000	$61,626,000
A-835	Office of Inspector General, Office of Inspector General	21,722,000	450,000	22,172,000

1991 Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1991 Budget Request Pending	1991 Proposed Amendment	1991 Revised Request
	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION			
A-1026	Office of Inspector General	$26,859,000	$3,100,000	$29,959,000
A-1028	Construction, minor projects	143,839,000	-3,100,000	140,739,000

These proposed amendments would provide for a reallocation of funds in five major agencies in fiscal year 1991 to audit financial statements. Sixteen major Federal agencies plan to implement these audits by fiscal year 1994. Preparation and audit of financial statements for all or part of ten of the sixteen targeted agencies would be conducted in fiscal year 1991. Five of the agencies will proceed without further congressional action. In total, these proposals would not affect current fiscal year 1991 outlay estimates.

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